

COVERAGE NAME: PLACES

COVERAGE AREA: Statewide, District, County

COVERAGE DESCRIPTION:

The PLACES coverage is a point coverage representing 2863 place name location in California.

USER NOTES:

The PLACES coverage is useful as a mapping feature. The SCENIC item can be used to select place names that appear on the California Scenic Highway Map, and the STHWY item can be used to select place names that appear on the California State Highway Map. Many place name locations have unique Federal Information Processing System (FIPS) codes. Data containing null values for any given attribute is due to lacking source data.

VITAL STATISTICS:

Datum:	NAD 83
Projection:	Albers
Units:	Meters
1st Std. Parallel:	34 degrees N
2nd Std. Parallel:	40.5 degrees N
Longitude of Origin:	-120 degrees W
Latitude of Origin:	0 degrees N
False Easting:	0
False Northing:	-4,000,000
Source:	USGS Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)
Source Media:	Magnetic tape: digital file in ASCII format
Source Projection:	Latitude/Longitude (Geographic)
Source Units:	Degrees, Minutes, Seconds
Source Scale:	
Capture Method:	
Conversion Software:	ARC/INFO rev. 5.0.1
Data Structure:	Vector
ARC/INFO Coverage Type:	Point
ARC/INFO Precision:	Double
ARC/INFO Tolerances:	
Frequency of Updates:	To Be Determined
Date Updated:	June 2000

DATA DICTIONARY:

File name: PLACES.PAT

Record length: 110

NOTE: Items common to all point coverage's: AREA, PERIMETER, <coverage>#, and <coverage>-ID are not described here.

COLUMN	ITEM NAME	WIDTH	OUTPUT	TYPE	N.DEC
25	DIST	2	2	I	-
27	CO	3	3	C	-
30	NAME	48	48	C	-
78	POP	8	8	I	-
86	FIPS	5	5	I	-
91	COSEAT	1	1	I	-
92	ELEV	5	5	C	-
97	STATUS	1	1	I	-
98	INCDATE	10	10	C	-
108	STIP	1	1	I	-
109	SCENIC	1	1	I	-
110	STHWY	1	1	I	-

ITEM DESCRIPTIONS:

DIST: Caltrans district number

CO: Caltrans county abbreviation

NAME: Name of the populated places (uppercase and lowercase)

POP: The 1990 population figure, per the California Department of Finance
0 = uncoded, information not available

FIPS: Census code for Small Urban (SUFIP) and Urbanized Areas (URBCODE)

COSEAT: Indicates if populated place is a county seat
0 = Place is not a county seat
1 = Place is a county seat

ELEV: Elevation (feet)

STIP: Places found on the California STIP maps
(CURRENTLY THIS ITEM IS NOT CODED)

SCENIC: Places found on the California Scenic Highway and Trucknet maps
0 = Places that are not found on the California Scenic Highway and Trucknet maps
1 = Places that are found on the California Scenic Highway and Trucknet maps

STHWY: Places found on the California State Highway map Applications
0 = Places that are not found on the California State Highway map Applications
1 = Places that are found on the California State Highway map Applications

RELATIONAL DATA DESCRIPTION:

Currently there are no data relationships established.

DATABASE RELATION:

Currently there are no database relationships established.

DATA QUALITY ASSESSMENT:

Some of the data for the PLACES coverage was supplemented by information from the publications 1993 Place Names in California, California Department of Transportation, Drafting Services, HPMS Instructions for reviewing and updating data items, Assembly of Statistical Reports 1995, 1998 Place Names in California, and 1999 Place Names in California.